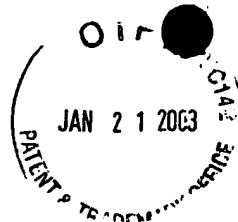


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant submits for the Examiner's consideration the attached PTO Form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of each of the listed references also is enclosed.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in a Search Report for an International application pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 09/827,887 ("887 application"), which Search Report was communicated on August 6, 2002, more than three months ago.

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The references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicant respectfully petitions the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 CFR §1.97 (c)(2), and therefore the fee set forth in §1.17(p) is due. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). **A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.**

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